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Georgia Southern University will host "Opening Lines: Discussing Racism" during an open forum on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Theatre. The event, hosted and mediated by Nathan Palmer of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Breyan Haizlip, Ph.D., a professor in the College of Education in the Department of Leadership, Technology & Human Development, is presented in conjunction with the Multicultural Student Center's Courageous Conversations series.

"Attendees will have the chance to participate in a frank, honest conversation about racism and how it affects our students, our campus, our state and our country," explained Palmer. "Expect a lively conversation that will be both intriguing and challenging. Using a town-hall forum structure, everyone will have a chance to have their voice heard and the opportunity

to see the world from another's perspective."

The 2013 forum is the first of what Palmer anticipates to become an annual event. The forum is free and open to all Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff as well as the general public. For more information, contact Palmer at 912-478-7897 or npalmer@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Four drummers from the Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Marching Band will accompany country music singer, songwriter and Georgia Southern alumnae Elizabeth Cook when she performs on the Late Show with David Letterman on March 14, 2013. The show will air that evening at 11:35 p.m. ET/10:35 p.m. CT on CBS.

The Marching Band members who will perform with Cook include:

Sergio Arreguin, junior, Music Education (Baxley, Ga.)

Trey Exley, senior, Exercise Science (Rincon, Ga.)

Jose Morales, senior, Communication Arts (Richmond Hill, Ga.)

Jimmy Rotureau, junior, Nursing (Guyton, Ga.)

Each of the members was chosen by the band director, Colin McKenzie, DMA, based on several factors including seniority, leadership and academic performance.

Elizabeth Cook, the youngest of 11 half-brothers and sisters, grew up in rural Florida where her musician parents met while playing in local country bars. She is a relentless performer, touring worldwide, including well more than 200 performances at The Grand Ole Opry. Cook currently hosts, "Apron Strings", weekday mornings on Sirius XM's Outlaw Country channel. Her latest EP, *Gospel Plow*, is some of her favorite Southern Gospel songs

(well, six Gospel songs and a cover of Velvet Underground's "Jesus"). Cook is a 1996 graduate of Georgia Southern with dual degrees in Accounting and Computer Information Systems.

The Georgia Southern band members will depart for New York on March 12 and will rehearse with Cook on March 13. Cook recently traveled back to Statesboro for an initial rehearsal with the drummers at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. While in New York, the band members will attend a Broadway show and visit some historical sites to add an educational component to the trip.

"This will be the first trip to New York City for most of these students," said McKenzie. We are extremely thankful for Elizabeth including us in this opportunity as it is an exciting and unique opportunity for our students to represent Georgia Southern University on a national stage."

For more information about Elizabeth Cook, visit: www.elizabeth-cook.com. For more information on the Late Show with David Letterman, visit: www.cbs.com/shows/late_show.

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